

the detected levels. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the claim now clearly defines means for carrying out the functions defined therein. Accordingly, reconsideration and removal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection with regard to the points raised against claim 14 is earnestly solicited.

With regard to claim 15, this claim has been amended to define the dual function of the fourth external terminal. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection raised in the Office Action against claim 15 has now been obviated, and removal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection pertaining to this is earnestly solicited.

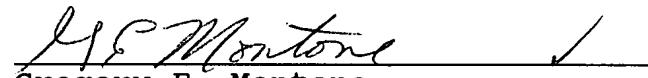
If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, he is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account

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